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BY VIRGILIAN.

Pomero, land of rock and river,
Lofty hills and winding vales,
On whose breast the moonbeams quiver,
In whose depths the sunlight fades,
In thy confines there is hidden
One bright gem of untold worth,
And none finer meets our vision;
None more pure are on the earth.

Pomero, land of greenest verdure,
Where the beech and wild ash grow,
And the lofty cliffs are changing,
Cast their shadows far below;
On thy breast a flower is blooming,
"Fore whose beauty others fall,
That year on year its power returning,
Is seen, admired, and loved by all.

Pomero, land of troubled waters,
When of erst the flood roared high,
O'er thy shores in madness rolling,
Sweeping every barrier by;
At her feet they bowed submission,
In full content to there abide,
And the power that guides the torrent,
Raised his wand and stayed the tide.

Pomero, land of dear remembrance,
Be it thy great and highest boast,
Of her virtues I am singing,
"Who know her best—love her the most,"
And all the words that may be written,
By hearts that melt or those that freeze,
In present years, or ages older,
Can write or say no more than these.

Pomero, every moment bears me
Further from thy rugged shore,
And perhaps my falling vision
May rest on thee, no more;
Yet, as I pay this willing tribute,
Which may one pang of grief destroy,
I make this frank and free confession:
"I leave my heart with thee, Pomero."

June 13, 1890.

Miscellany.

The Miser's Second Wife.

"Is this your final answer, father?" asked William Englesby pausing in his rapid walk over the uncarpeted floor of his father's business room, and confronting his cool, sarcastic parent with a firmness and determination which was very unusual.

"Of course it is, boy. Now go to the barn and feed the horses—two quarts of oats for each will be enough for them. You will go to the plowing with them after breakfast," and Mr. Englesby continued to turn over a pile of yellow, time-worn notes he had taken from a drawer in his business desk. These papers, insignificant as they looked, were worth thousands of dollars, and William Englesby knew it well, and his soul rose in utter abhorrence of the accursed money which had won his father's heart from every other earthly allegiance. He stood moodily eyeing the papers until his father having looked them over and computed the interest on one or two, at length appeared conscious of his presence.

"Are you going to feed the horses?" he asked with a frown.
"Yes, sir; but it is for the last time," replied his son with a quiet decision.
Mr. Englesby looked at him fixedly, but unawed by his piercing eye, William continued:
"A liberal education I will have, and if you refuse to give me my time until I am twenty-one, I shall take it, and pay you for it when I have earned the means."

The miserly father measured the handsome, well-developed form of his son from head to foot, in astonishment and anger too deep for words. William had folded his arms and awaited, firm as a rock, the consequence of his dauntless declaration.
"Do you dare threaten to leave me?" at length demanded the incensed father, facing his resolute son with a glaring angry eye.

"Yes, sir, I will leave you," answered the boy in a determined tone, "I am now seventeen, I added rapidly, 'I have begged and entreated you to expend some of your hoarded gains upon my education. I have even—' to my shame be it spoken—gone down upon my knees before you, in the vain hope of melting your obdurate nature; now I shall go. I ask not your money, my liberty I take! I will cultivate the intellect God has given me, and before I die my name shall be so deeply engraved on the hearts of men that no tombstone will be needed to perpetuate my memory!"

"Hoity toity! what heroics!" sneered the father with a bitter scoff. But the fire of a high and noble ambition was no longer to be quenched by the jeering and ridicule of his father, whose views it will be seen, were narrow and dilapidated in the extreme; and had William been a few years older, he would not have risked that proud assertion respecting the use of a tombstone for himself. He had not yet tried his strength; nor did he realize that the most unwarlike path-taking and perseverance are necessary to insure success in every undertaking of life.

"William Englesby you shall not go! I forbid you upon the pain of my bitterest curse!" cried Mr. Englesby, in a furious rage.
To this William made no reply; but a pale, trembling, unobserved witness of this scene saw that the iron will was unmoved by his father's threat.

William left the room, a thin hand seized his arm and drew him into an opposite room. "My son," was uttered in the grieving accents of his mother. He met the large and mournful inquiry, with a look of deepest tenderness.
"Yes, mother, I have defied my father at last. I could not be a drudge any longer. Do not forbid my going, darling mother," he said pleadingly, feeling even then that he could scarcely resist her remonstrances.

Mrs. Englesby could not say one word to change her son's determination, for she felt that he was right. She felt even more keenly than did William, the injustice of Mr. Englesby, but she was too scrupulous and delicate minded to say aught that would cast the shadow of

blame upon the father of her son. Her kind and gentle remonstrances had hitherto been sufficient to soothe the high temper of her son when goaded almost to madness by his father's tyranny and madness; but now, she instinctively perceived, that even her influence would fail to allay the storm, nor did she wish it. The course Mr. Englesby was pursuing with regard to William could only end in the destruction of an ambitious more lofty than that of mere money-making, and she saw that the time was coming when the youth must either break his shackles or sink into the mere tool of his father's will.

William was the pride of her life; a fine scholar for his years, and a most troublesome pupil for every teacher not fully qualified for his calling. His was one of those strong minds which will overleap all barriers in the path of the seeker after knowledge; which will grasp with clear and comprehensive sense the whys and wherefores embodied in every day rule, no matter how much the endeavor might tend to mystify the ordinary student.

Mr. Englesby had one daughter, Amy, a sweet, good girl of twenty, who, with character less strongly marked than that of her brother, had yet encountered the most determined opposition from her father in the dearest project of her life.

She had been attached for a year or more to an estimable young man, who had chosen the law for his profession. But he was poor and comparatively friendless, and the father prohibited the marriage with a stern authority his gentle daughter dared not disobey. William was very indignant at his father's course in this affair. He saw it was breaking Amy's heart; he foresaw, too, that young Fletcher was destined at no very distant day to be an ornament to the profession he had chosen.

When Fletcher asked Mr. Englesby for his daughter, he was met with fierce and insulting words, the door was thrown open, and the suitor was ordered out with as little ceremony as would have been heaped on a common beggar. The young man pulled his hat over his eyes, and strode down a shady lane, looking neither to the right or to the left, until a figure with outspread arms appeared directly in his path, and in a theatrical voice commanded him to halt. It was William Englesby, who had darted across a clover field in order to intercept the angry lover.

"Robert Fletcher, do you mean to give up my sister Amy?" he asked, looking full into the flashing eyes of Fletcher.
"Oh, no, certainly not. I have every encouragement to persevere in my suit," replied the young man with bitter irony.
"If you do give her up, you deserve to be shot, Robert," said William, earnestly.

"Oh! of course, I shall cling to her after her father has turned me out of doors, as if I were the vilest outcast, and she herself has hidden me give her up," said Fletcher, his cheek reddening and his blood boiling as he alluded to the indignity he had received.

"Fush Robert! She is a true-hearted girl, true as steel, but she will not do for her father. Just wait patiently, like Micawber; I believe something will turn up in your favor." William had a genial, humorous way, when he liked, that never failed to cheer his friends, and his crumbs of comfort were eagerly picked up by the desponding lover.

"Although not a believer in the wisdom of eloquence, I'll try you if I would agree, just to thwart that tyrannical old curmudgeon!"
The sentence was cut short by William, who placed his hand over Fletcher's mouth.

"Not a word against my father," he said gravely, "and as to eloping, bless you, our little Amy is not one of that sort." This rebuke had the desired effect.

Fletcher colored with shame and contrition for his idle words. "Nor should I wish her to be," he answered in a low voice.
"Well be of good courage, Robert," said William, at parting. "Remember you have a friend at court that will forward your interests in every possible way."

"Thank you, my boy; if ever I can serve you in any way I will do it," returned Fletcher, grateful for the friendly feelings displayed by the brother of his lady-love.
And William claimed the fulfillment of that offer sooner than either of them expected, for the time it was made, for after he left his father's house he went to the country village where Fletcher was practising law, intending to enter a flourishing collegiate institute, which was located in that place. He was an utter stranger to all save Fletcher, and that rendered his case still harder, he had but little money—only a solitary dog-eared eagle, which his mother had loaned for him.

"This, with a very slender stock of wearing apparel, was all he had; but his high hopes and boundless ambition made him feel richer than a millionaire."

He, however, thought it better to consult his friend before making any arrangements.
It was well he did so; for the generous young man gave William an excellent character to the college authorities—for the institution they controlled was Fletcher's own Alma Mater—and the recommendation of one of his tried worth was of great value to the friendless youth. He made arrangements for William's board in the family of a lawyer, who allowed him to pay his board by copying papers.

Fletcher brought forward all his old text books, and borrowed others, until William was supplied; and the youth passed his examination before the faculty so creditably that his friend declared that he was actually proud of his protégé. Fletcher offered to share his light purse with William, but the latter thought he should be able to meet most of his expenses by teaching school during the winter.

Things went on very much in the old way at home for a few months after William left, excepting that his father was occasionally obliged to hire, now and then, a day's work done on the farm. He had told until his body nearly bent double, and his hands almost as hard as bone. Mrs. Englesby and Amy had al-

ways done the house work, for he would have thought it a piece of madness to entrust a servant girl, indeed, to the care of the house. There would be no rendering of one of Shakespeare's plays in this house, and I prefer to have the rehearsal all to myself!"
That night when Englesby returned he found the table beautifully spread with wines, cakes, sweetmeats, cold tongue and boiled chicken. The locks had been picked from every door and desk drawer in the house. Even the sacred contents of his money box had been inspected by the sacrilegious eyes of that unscrupulous woman! Mrs. Englesby, attired in a becoming robe, greeted him with the most bewitching smiles, and informed him that supper was waiting; but he suddenly refused to partake of the victuals. He replaced the old locks without a word. When he had done his wife said, coolly: "You have taken a great deal of trouble my love, for I shall remove them all in the morning."

"You will do no such thing, madam!" "I certainly shall. I never had the doors and closets locked against me, and what is more, I never will."

"You will!" was the short and stern reply.
"You will see," returned the undaunted lady. "You'll find, James Englesby, that you have caught a Tartar, and it's high time we understand each other. I didn't marry you for your money, but to punish you for your cruelty to my poor sister. Oh! you may gratify your teeth and look savage. You may curse and swear and threaten a feeble woman! I never yet saw the man I feared! You'll not kill me as you did poor Esther!"

No, sir, I am not the one to sink under harsh treatment by any manner of means! Maria Rock is equal to the case she has undertaken. You know she is an incarnate devil! Well, you'll know more before she is done with!"

And he did. The tyrant found his match, and in less than six months he had acknowledged her power. The house was thoroughly repaired and furnished, and a most efficient servant was hired; the much needed aid was extended to William, who was invited home with the utmost cordiality by both Mr. and Mrs. Englesby; Robert Fletcher was recalled, and the roses of health and happiness bloomed once more in Amy's cheek—all through the energetic and well directed influence of THE MISER'S SECOND WIFE.

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CRIME IN OHIO, COSTS OF PROSECUTION, &c.

An interesting question not only for the legal profession and legislators, but for the people at large, is the ratio of crime in the State. The postoffice is overflowing with convicts, and the cost of our criminal jurisprudence has become a matter of some importance. We find in the biennial report of the Attorney General, made to the Governor in March last, some facts which we lay before our readers. He submits tabular statements of the statistics of crime during the last two years; but these tables are far from being complete, owing to the failure of the prosecuting attorneys of a number of counties to make their reports. In 1888 twenty counties, viz: Butler, Coshocton, Crawford, Franklin, Fulton, Huron, Lucas, Madison, Sandusky, Scioto, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, and Wayne, failed to report. The number which failed to report was twenty-two, viz: Ashland, Auglaize, Butler, Coshocton, Crawford, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Highland, Hocking, Lawrence, Logan, Lucas, Madison, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Scioto, Trumbull, and Williams. This failure of the prosecuting attorneys of the several counties, is extremely reprehensible, and ought to be condemned. The act of May 1, 1852, makes it the duty of each prosecuting attorney, between the 10th and 20th days of December, in every year, to report to the attorney general a particular statistical account of all crimes prosecuted by him during the year, and the account shall specify the number of persons prosecuted, the crime or crimes for which each person was prosecuted, and the punishment awarded thereon, and also the amount of costs in each case, &c. He is also required to report which of the crimes so prosecuted were, in his opinion, committed under the influence of alcohol spirits. This act seems to be viewed by some of the prosecuting attorneys as a dead letter, and we cannot but regard their remissness as unjustifiable. They ought to be the last persons in the State to disregard the plain letter of the law.

The tabular tables furnished to the Attorney General show that in 1888 the costs assessed in 76 counties was \$54,572.17; costs collected \$8,060.72; costs paid by the State \$12,245.64; costs assessed by the counties \$21,181.64; fines assessed \$9,636.65; fines collected \$2,435.82.

In 1889, the total costs assessed in 66 counties was \$51,100; costs collected \$5,007.05; costs paid by the State \$30,341.35; fines assessed \$14,856.05; costs collected \$4,699.08.

In 1888, the number of indictments found within the year in 76 counties was 2,586; number of convictions 982; number of persons committed under the influence of liquor 316. There was one conviction for the crime of murder in the first degree, four for murder in the second degree, eighteen for manslaughter, twelve for assaults with intent to murder, and twelve for shooting, stabbing, &c., with intent to kill. Thirty-six of these crimes against life were committed under the influence of liquor. Of the crimes but one, a robbery, was committed by a woman, 60 for grand larceny, 37 for violation of the gambling law, 24 for horse stealing, 7 for forgery, 5 for counterfeiting, 260 for assault and battery, 131 for petit larceny, 239 for violations of the liquor laws, 12 for rape, and 5 for robbery.

In 1889 the number of indictments found in 66 counties, within the year, was 2,427; number of convictions, 1,210; crimes supposed to be committed under the influence of liquor, 250. There was one conviction for murder in the first degree; 9 for murder in the second degree; 13 for manslaughter; 8 for assault with intent to murder; 4 for shooting, stabbing, &c., with intent to kill. Of these crimes against life, 23 were committed under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Of the convictions for crimes not against life, 369 were for violations of the liquor law; 240 for assault and battery; 125 for petit larceny; 58 for grand larceny, 127 for burglary; 22 for horse stealing; 2 for counterfeiting, 23 for having, passing, or selling counterfeit money; 8 for forgery; 2 for rape; 13 for assault; 13 for battery; 2 for bigamy; 13 for perjury; 58 for violation of gaming law; 15 for malicious wounding.

Of the punishments, 3 were sent to the Penitentiary for life in 1888, and 8 in 1889; 5 were sent for 10 years and over in 1888, and 14 in 1889; 170 were sent for under ten years in 1888, and 261 in 1889; 369 were sent to county jail in 1888, and 329 in 1889.

These facts, partial as they are, afford food for reflection. We hope hereafter that full reports from all the counties will be furnished, so that not only the General Assembly may have the information necessary for judicious action in the present, but that the people may know the proportion of crime in Ohio as compared with other States.—Journal.

Remarkable Literary Discovery.
A very interesting antiquarian discovery has lately been made public. Gibbon had, long ago, in his great work, pointed out as "the most authentic of relics," the bronze serpent on which was placed the golden tripod, made by the Greeks from the spoils of Xerxes, and dedicated to the Temple of Apollo, at Delphi, as the emblem of the oracle, after the battle of Plataea. This was carried off by the Persians, and was the last relic of the house began to look around for a fresh supply. In answer to faint inquiries respecting the locked door, Amy told her it was her father's custom to deal out provisions each day at his discretion.

"Ah, he does, does he?" muttered the new mistress between her set teeth, while her black eyes snapped ominously. "Well, well, I'll relieve the poor man of that trouble!"
That day Mr. Englesby was going to the mill. He had a large rig, and did not expect to return until night.

"Here Maria," said he, returning from the cellar with meat, potatoes and butter, "there's what you will want to-day. Oh! I forgot the flour," and he went into the pantry and brought out a two-quart basin of flour, then locked the door, putting the key in his pocket.

"Mr. Englesby," said his wife, her eyes showering sparks of indignation and contempt upon him, "I beg you to give me those keys, I prefer to help myself."

"Excuse me, my dear," said Mr. Englesby, with firmness. "It has always been my custom to deal out provisions according to my own judgment, and my lamented wife never—"

"Your present lamented wife will, if your lamented one didn't," said the spirited lady, tossing her head.

Mr. Englesby said no more. He quietly left the house, un hitched his horses from the locust tree to which they were tied, and drove off at a moderate gait.

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"You will!" was the short and stern reply.
"You will see," returned the undaunted lady. "You'll find, James Englesby, that you have caught a Tartar, and it's high time we understand each other. I didn't marry you for your money, but to punish you for your cruelty to my poor sister. Oh! you may gratify your teeth and look savage. You may curse and swear and threaten a feeble woman! I never yet saw the man I feared! You'll not kill me as you did poor Esther!"

No, sir, I am not the one to sink under harsh treatment by any manner of means! Maria Rock is equal to the case she has undertaken. You know she is an incarnate devil! Well, you'll know more before she is done with!"

And he did. The tyrant found his match, and in less than six months he had acknowledged her power. The house was thoroughly repaired and furnished, and a most efficient servant was hired; the much needed aid was extended to William, who was invited home with the utmost cordiality by both Mr. and Mrs. Englesby; Robert Fletcher was recalled, and the roses of health and happiness bloomed once more in Amy's cheek—all through the energetic and well directed influence of THE MISER'S SECOND WIFE.

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REMARKABLE ARREST FOR A MURDER, COMMITTED SEVEN YEARS AGO.

The New Orleans Bee describes at great length the circumstances attending the arrest of Vallee, in that city, a few days since, for a murder committed in 1853. Among the many wealthy families engaged in rearing and dealing in cattle in the Attakapas district, Lafayette parish, those of Vallot and Ditzel held a prominent place, and for a long time had been extremely hostile to each other. On the 17th of July, 1853, Sosthene Ditzel, a young man of twenty, having found in one of the Vallot's a boy of sixteen, a successful rival in the face of a young lady, slapped him in the face. Vallot, who was five years older than his brother, hearing of the insult that had been offered him, on meeting him in a coffee house, at once knocked him down with a cane to the blow proved instantaneously fatal, whereupon the involuntary assassin, for he had not intended to kill his victim, fled to Cuba. He was soon followed, thither by his young wife, and procured a respectable office under the Government. He was popular with all classes, and having become intimate with young Spanish noblemen, was presented by him with a magnificent cane, which eventually proved the means of his detection. In 1859 he returned to the United States, but from the time that he landed he seems to have labored under a continual apprehension.

On arriving in New Orleans he did not venture to stop at any respectable hotel, but took up his abode—having changed his name—at a low drinking saloon, kept by a Gascon named Jean Marie, where he was visited by his friends. Soon after he left the city and went to a farm near Brookhaven, Miss., where he obtained board for himself and wife. He frequently, however, made visits to New Orleans, and was foolish enough to gamble in the Jean Marie, and to make him a confidant of his crime. On a certain occasion he lost \$500 at cards, for a portion of which he left his cane with his host as security. When he came to settle his debt and claim the stick the man refused to give it up, and Vallot was obliged to call in the aid of officers.

Maria, in revenge, gave information to the police, a few days after, and the young man was arrested at Brookhaven and brought to New Orleans, where he is now in Prison. He has engaged Pierre Soule as his counsel.

A Plea for the Preservation of the Robin and Song Birds.
Mr. Samuel A. Law of Meredith, New York, and for the last three years member of the Assembly from the Second District of Delaware county, has written a communication upon the act of last winter, one section of which forbids the killing at any time of the nightingale, night hawk, blackbird, yellowthroat, Baltimore oriole, finch, thrush, lark, sparrow,